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January 24, 2011

Ms. Joy Morrissey, Board Chair
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint #10-28/Mantrell Perry

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated January 20, 2011, recommending that the allegation Officer Jeremy Monnat, Officer Scott Berhalter, Officer Wayne McCalla, and Officer Adam Klein used excessive force during the arrest of Mantrell Perry on April 9, 2010 be Not Sustained.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards has concluded from its investigation of the allegation against the officers that it be Not Sustained for maltreatment or unnecessary force during the arrest. Mr. Perry was subsequently convicted of all charges, including felony obstruction from this incident. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that force was needed in affecting this arrest; however, there are conflicting statements from the officers involved and the witness accounts to sufficiently establish culpability in the amount of force that was necessary. The Office of Professional Standards did find that Sergeant Anthony Gentile, the supervisor on scene at the time of the arrest, should have completed a timely Supervisor's Use of Force Report on the type and amount of force the officers had to use to detain Mr. Perry. Therefore, a work rule violation for conformance to directives was Sustained against Sergeant Gentile.

Having assessed the findings of both the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and the Department's investigative summaries, I accept the findings of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board on the allegation of excessive force.

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Major E. B. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George N. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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cc: Ms. Cristina Beamud, Executive Director/ACRB
Assistant Chief P.N. Andresen
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